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Introduction to the March-April 1909 Transcriptions

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For those who have recently been separated from their core community by distance or loss, these two months from Martha McMillan's journal may provide a heartwarming story of a woman who does not let anything get in the way of her ability to make friends among strangers.

Martha was an interesting and busy woman with a lot of friends. Since her marriage in 1867, she journaled almost every day to record for family and friends the events of her life. These transcriptions, March and April of 1909, encompass Martha's trip to Florida in which she was separated from the core community she spent about forty years creating. During this period, four years before she died, Martha and her husband James were experiencing health problems. Because of this, she and her husband and daughter decided to travel to Florida in the hopes that the couple would begin feeling better. This introduction will provide a closer examination of women's Life Writing, why Martha picked Florida, and also the theme of Martha's creation of community in Florida. It will also note key names, places, and a few editor's comments to get one started.

The first important thing to note is that the genre of Martha's writing is not a diary but what scholars call "Life Writing." Women usually wrote these kinds of journals in the

19th century and used them as a method by which they could record family history. They were meant to be read and therefore, it is highly likely that Martha intended these journals to be semi-public. This particular transcription (March and April) is both life writing and travel literature as Martha (who spent a majority of her life in Cedarville, Ohio) finds herself in the new and foreign locale of Florida. Thus, hundreds of miles distant from her core community, Martha must make new contacts.

As many of us have heard, people in the 19th century thought that travel to a less-harsh climate could help sick bodies heal. This is exactly what Martha was doing in choosing Florida. Martha never states what her condition was, but she notes that she visits an Osteopath while in Florida and frequently lists fatigue as one of her symptoms. This fatigue sometimes makes her too tired to go on outings with her family. This is four years before her death, and three years before her husband's death. Because they are finding health to be an issue, Martha traveled to Florida for its 'healing' properties and not simply for a vacation. Martha traveled to California and other places to visit her children when she wanted a vacation. Martha and her husband and daughter knew no one in Florida before they decided to stay four weeks there.

A common theme that arises in March and April of 1909 is the theme of creating new community. In Florida (they stayed in

Winter Park, Daytona, and St. Augustine), Martha is now in a completely different situation than she is used to in her forty years of recorded life on the farm and is without a solid friend group. At the beginning of the trip she mainly talks about doing things with her immediate family and she gives updates on the churches they visit. However, as she begins to spend more time in different boarding houses, Martha begins to make friends and to name them in her journal. Some of the names that come up frequently are Mr. and Mrs. Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Bulters, and Mr. Rainer. In the second half of March and the beginning of April, the Robisons and the Bulters take Clara out frequently and Martha often records what they were up to. Martha records her sorrow when she has to say goodbye to those boarders she met. When leaving the Bennett boarding house, Martha notes, "Tomorrow we are planning to go - that will more than likely be farewell for ever. But we will not Soon forget the pleasant lovely folks we met...I have learned that this makes up much of our lives - "meeting and parting" - but in "the Evening all will Come Home" (April 11, 1909).

A few general notations concerning names and places:
Martha's husband was named James, however she always refers to him as "Mr Mc" (Mr. McMillan). Also, she never puts a period after Mr, Mrs, or 'Dr'. Clara is Martha and James' oldest daughter who never married. Martha, James, and Clara are the

only McMillans to remain in Florida, though in 1909 one of their sons, Homer, lived in Atlanta so he traveled with them from Ohio to Atlanta and at the end of their stay in Florida Martha, James, and Clara went up to visit his family.

A few notations on spelling and transcription: Martha spells the names of her friends 'Bulter' rather than 'Butler.' She will also occasionally make spelling mistakes, such as once spelling Florida with an 'a' instead of an 'i' or adding an 'e' before 'ing,' for instance "comeing" (April 27). In addition, Martha frequently uses M-dashes when she's writing, however with the font this transcription uses those M-dashes appear as multiple short dashes.

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[Header reads "March. 1909. Dr Hunts Hospital, Columbus [Q?], the eighteenth Psalm!"]

March 1909

First March Monday - A pleasant winter day. After an early breakfast Aunt Mary, Murdock, went back on the Seven O'clock train to the Springs - Paul was here and spent the day with me. Father brought him into the train and Edith went back with him. She has been over at the Springs all week and came around on the train this morning. Paul went up town at noon to dinner and to attend to a little business and Potter came back with him and made a little call. The Dr in to see me - Mrs Patter Son around. Paul packed my books and extra goods and took them home when he went at five O'clock.

2nd March - Tuesday. A beautiful day. The Dr in this morning I did not get up until nearly noon. Mrs Patterson in - this afternoon Mrs Matthews called - my dear friend Mrs Burt called this forenoon - this is the first

time I have met her since her sons death. It was a heavy stroke. This is my last evening at the Hospital - was here five weeks yesterday. Dr Hunt and his nurses especially kind - I have met a few very lovely folks - from the city and around. Tomorrow it is planned we start to Florida -- see the way is hid from us - but there is One to whom the darkness is as light - may we rest in this Great Leader -- Mrs. Hunt called this afternoon to tell me good by. This has been such a delight ful day almost. [Header reads "March. 1909. Dr Hunts Hospital Columbus P, [like?] Springs."] Last night the rain fell in bucket fulls - and continued nearly all night - Later Potter called.

3rd March. Wed. Rain & Snow part of the time. Fred came to the Springs yesterday and came in on the early train this morning and came right here to the Hospital to See me. They are [breaking?] up camp at the old "Round House" in Yellow Springs to day. Paul brought father to the Springs - Father went on an errand to Xenia - and this afternoon Paul went with him to Springfield to be ready to join us on the "[B?]ig 4" when we [illegible] pass through - Clara at Springfield this A.M. and at Dayton this P.M - to join us as we would pass - Dr Hunt took Fred with him to dinner. This afternoon dear Sister Patterson packed my belongings assisted by the nurses. I gave them a little token of my love by giving them each a beautiful handkerchief -- We left at 3.15 - Told all a kind good by. Potter met us at the Union Station While waiting there I was introduced to Opie Reid - He has a very interesting face. I hope to get to hear him lecture some time. Fred and I had such an enjoyable time that when we came to the depot in Springfield we passed it before we remembered father. Paul and Reid were with him When we reached Dayton Clara was there and Fred Telephoned to father - Reid and Paul sent him out on the next train and Fred joined him in Dayton and they came on to Cincinnati and joined us at the Grand at ten Oclock -- we were certainly disappointed that father and Fred were not with us - for Homer and Mrs Knauber were at the gate waiting for us when our train came in - we had a nice Evening together -

4 March Thursday. Great Day of Taft's Inauguration. What a Stir at Washington We all awakened up here [&?] [Editor's note: Martha makes two symbols that could be an ampersand. For the rest of the document, any '&' included is referring to one of those symbols] Father Fred and Homer and Clara and I had break fast together Mrs Knauber on the scene to see us off == Fred went back to Chicago - [Header reads "On train to Florida[y?] 4 "March - 1909."] and Homer with us to day until eleven Oclock to night when he got off at their home at Atlanta. We had fine meals - this after noon the Porter made up my bed - and I went to bed - and remained most of the after noon

when the folks went to the dinner - I had my supper brought to my room for I found from my experience at noon that it was too much for me to go to the dinner. We had a grand day, Homer & Clara - and in fact father and even I were in fine spirits - since we left Cincinnati this morning we passed through Kentucky & part of Tenn - and Ga= [sic, Tennessee, Georgia]

5" March. Friday. We had breakfast on Car - at 9.30 - we stopped off at Jacksonville and made a few purchases - and took a car to river side to see the city - We did not see any signs of winter. The gardens - and trees & flower all looked like May - or June = [Header reads "Winter Park Florida."] We got dinner and took the 1.30 train for Winter Park reaching here at Seven O'clock -- When our servants were assigned us I retired early. By the way we stopped at Sanford had supper

6" March. Saturday. We awakened up here - This is the dream land -- perpetual sunshine bird Songs and Flowers. It is certainly enough to make sick folks well - I am now Seated on a little Veranda and floor bounded by Orange trees - Some of the trees full of fruit. We had a pleasant day here - The house crowded from here & there all over the U.S. We took a walk this afternoon.

7" March. Sabbath. A beautiful day. We went to the Congregational church with Mr & Mrs [illegible] H. Caloway from Baltimore who is stopping here - We had a Sermon by Rev Pratt - text "If we Live in the Spirit. Let us also walk in the Spirit." This was their Communion Sabbath - [Header reads "Winter Park Florida - March 1909"] not many there but the sermon was so spiritual - and the Collection so liberal we almost felt we were a part at least of the "little flock." We have had a pleasant day here - a good Sabbath day although surrounded by all sorts of people - --

8" March. Monday. Another beautiful day - It is hard to realize that perhaps that even back at home that this may be a bad stormy March day - for here it is like May or June - I have not been feeling so very well - I suffer from weakness == Not any thing special going on only beautiful Surroundings = and a mixed crowd - gathered from many homes - It is moonlight these nights - And the Lake (Lake Quola.) is a thing of beauty. We, read a letter from Fred - Mr Smocks Mother is dead, she was buried on Saturday aged 62 == I am two years older [-?] than she --

9" March. Tuesday. Another beautiful day. Not much excitement here - A fine crowd - desirable meals - rest and time to read and write. This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara and I & others took a walk up to the Buisness Centre - and made a few purchases. I have been up the entire day the first time in many weeks == I

finished the last book that Fred sent me "Simeon Letters" Some fine lessons to be learned from it.

10" March. Wed. Clara and I took a walk this morning and came home and I rested until nearly noon - and dressed for dinner and remained up the rest of the day. This afternoon a down pour of rain = the first since we came to Florida - The thermometer was 86" - the Shower cooled off things considerable. This P.M - Late Clara went with Mr & Mrs Robison to 'lental' Services at the Episcopal church -

11" March - Thursday. [illegible] [9?] in a day Was up = and I took a lone walk - past the different buisness houses - and the Blessed W. C. T. M. rooms - [Header reads "Winter Park Florida. March 1909"] [Editor's note: The WCTM may have been the Woman's Christian Temperance Movement] they have met each Tuesday, the first Tuesday of every month - & have kept these rooms after from 9 in the morning until nine at night for twenty one years. Great is this faithfulness. We also walked as far as the College grounds and the Carnig[--?] Library. When we got back Clara had gone with Mr & Mrs Robison on a drive and did not get back until noon - I had quite a sleep - nearly an hour before dinner - we were looking for Homer - Mr Mc went to the three Oclock train but he failed to put in his appearrance. I have taken my usual Sun bath to day.

12" March. Friday [illegible] a warm afternoon. This morning I spent two hours at the W.C.T.M. reading rooms - they have the late papers and magazines [-?] journals - a good many out and in This afternoon Rev Mr Mackinnon called to see Homer - and made a little call with us. We are [illegible] feeling Homer this evening. This Mr M[-?]Kinnon is from Sanford. Clara went to the 6.15 train - the Seaboard and met Homer. He was with us to us Supper - and around on the Varanda - It seemed wonderfully nice to have him with us.

13" March. Sabbath. This is our 2nd Sabbath here. Clara went with Mr and Mrs Robison to their church - My Rhum-atism having the better of me so Mr Mc and I attended the M.C Church near by. Had Sermon by Rev Dudley Matthe[ww?]s - Subject the imprisonment of John the baptist. This afternoon spent here - where every one has a right to spend the Sabbath hours as he chooses = [Header reads "Winter Park Florida. March. 1909"] To his master he Shall stand or fall - We had Song Service here this Evening

15" March. Monday. Heavy rain last night [-?] And damp and cool to day all gathered around the stove in the parlor. Homer came back from Sanford at 3.30 this afternoon - Clara met him at the train. He was sick while away and was not able to preach Sabbath - A trained [illegible] from the Colored School here and gave an

entertainment for an hour. It is still cool - the folks gathered in the parlor.

16" March. Tuesday.

We had fire this morning again but later the sun came out warm - Homer with us. A letter from the folks Isabel and Jeanette left N.Y last week - They were at Flushing and Glen Head a month, and will stop off at Springfield and Claytons on their way home. We are sorry to miss them. We recd [*sic* received] word of the death of Lizzie Steel - she died at Atlanta the 1st of the month - had gone there for her health - but grew worse - her remains were taken back to their home in Phila [*sic* Philadelphia] We have been having a nice time with Homer but Sorry to have him leave us. Mr Mc and Clara and I went to the train to see him off - he went at 1.30 - Will reach his home in Atlanta in the morning. Mr & Mrs Collins and miss Pooth left us this morning.

17" March. Wed. St Pattric'S day.

Still gloomy - we have fire this A.M again. Clara and I took a long walk and sat by the Lake awhile - Mr Mc came back and Sat awhile too. Mr and Mrs Robison and their children left us this morning [-?] for Daytona. Quite pleasant this afternoon and evening - 18" March - Thursday. Quite a number left here to day. This A.M. Clara and I called to see Mrs Kirfacki C at this beautiful home. They Seem to have all that heart could wish. Their home is in Phil a [*sic* Philadelphia] - He is the hymn writer and a distinguished character. He gave Clara and I both one of his [Header reads "Winter Park Florida. March. 1909] books - beautiful books ==

I have been taking Sunbaths as usual. A letter from Homer he reached home Safely. A letter from Fred they are having heavy Snow in Iowa.

19" March Friday Quite

a beautiful day. Had a nice walk --- Mrs Ha[y?]se and daughter getting their trunks packed they go tomorrow - So does Mr Barders from our table. The crowd decreasing gradually -- This morning Mr Johnston took me to his Orange Grove - beside the W. C[?] - church. I picked oranges - The trees are coming out in bloom -- And they are picking the Oranges from these trees and putting them in boxes to send North.

20" March. Sat - A beautiful

day. We began packing to be ready for our journey Monday. We would have started this morning but tomorrow is Sabbath. Mrs Calaway went to Orlando to day for an Automobile ride and to look after some things for me.

21" March. Sabbath a beautiful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the Congregational church. Did not know the ministers name - but all the Same he preached A good Sermon - "I am the Vine ye are the branches" - And it is our fathers good pleasure that we bare

much fruit. The dining room filled up with strangers at noon - Several here this evening. Every one seems to have their own ideas of keeping the Sabbath here - but the great majority do not seem to know it is Sabbath -

22nd March. Monday. We were up at an early hour and had our trunks finished packing before break--fast -- We left the much famed Winter Park at ten O'clock -- Several of the boarders went to the train to see us off - We reached Sanford in time for lunch = and reached Palatka where we changed cars at 2.30 -- We left there after four for Daytona - reaching here at Seven O'clock - We had our supper on the train - It has been quite cool all afternoon has been cloudy. We stopped at the Bennet House to night = It is a [Editor's note: in margins Martha wrote, "a comfortable house."] [Header reads, "March. 1902. Daytona Florida At the Bennet House -] [Editor's note: a few words have been scratched out before the next entry]

23rd March Tuesday We have been around a good deal to day - We thought of moving else where on this Street - but finally concluded to remain here for it is certainly a nice place to stay -- So many fine people here - The proprietor's wife with Clara several from here were out in the city at an entertainment this evening. When we got our trunks in and contents placed it gave our rooms a home like feeling.

24th March. Wed. A nice day. This afternoon Clara went with Mr & Mrs Bulter, from Boston, and Mr [-?] [-?] Lane over to Beach to the Races - Mr Mc and I over at the Halifax River [Editor's note: It appears that Martha at first spelled it 'Halafax' then went back and changed the spelling to 'Halifax,' for she dots her a. See also March 27] = had quite a long walk -- but a very interesting one This morning greetings from Fred - A telegram. This evening we were entertained here with music ==

Thursday 25th March. Heavy rain last night but cleared off this morning and has been a very pleasant day. Mr and Mrs Robison from Daytona Beach here to dinner with Clara = This afternoon she went back with them for an outing. Mr Mc and I had another long walk to the Halafax Beach | made several purchases. We called at the post office [-?] delivery and we d a letter from Homer and one from Edith - They certainly were welcome for these were the 1st letters rec d [sic received] since our come-ing here. Clara did not get back until after Seven.

26th March. Friday. Another nice day [-?] Mr and Mrs Robison and their nurse and [two?] Children Virginia and Richard came this morning to remain until tomorrow morning == They took Clara with them to the ball game this

afternoon. Mr Mc and I took another long walk in the sunshine - this afternoon - [It?] has been cool here this morning and Evening.

27" March. Sat Quite a nice day Mr & Mrs Robison and family left us for their home in St Louis this morning. Clara on the Varanda with the Crowd working on Ediths waist. [Header reads: "March 1909. Bennett House Daytona Florida --] I was out for a walk and sat in the sunshine and repeated the dose this P.M - and finished up by walking with Mr Mc to the Halifax River -- Everything as lovely as May.

The colored minstrels entertained us with music this evening Clara spending the evening with Mr & Mrs Bulter & co in the Side parlor.

28" March. Sabbath. Another beautiful day. Mr Mc [Editor's note: she double underlines "Mc" this time] and Clara and I at the Congregational church. Text by the unknown preacher --" Thou Said Jesus unto them again" Peace be unto you-" As my father hath sent me, even so send I you." What glorious words == and what a glorious commission = If we are under the Saviors guidance he Sends us wherever we go. If this is true we might ask our selves what are we doing here in Florida - why were we Sent. After all life has a deeper meaning that we know == Altho we are surrounded by every kind careless and thoughtful we can [sic maintain] our integrity, like Job where ever we are -- Mr Andrews from our table leaves for his home in Vt - at four in the morning.

29" March Monday. A sprinkle of rain then it cleared off - Mr and Mrs Bulter took Clara with them on a drive to Ormand and came home by the Beach = they reached home at noon This afternoon the rain came down in bucket fulls - I have not been feeling well to day or yesterday. All crowded in [Editor's note: this word is double underlined] to Keep out of the weather.

30" March. Tuesday. A beautiful day after the rain last night and yesterday. I am feeling much better to day: Mr and Mrs Hart left for their home in St Paul to day. Mr [Forester?] one of Mr Mc [Editor's note: Mc is double underlined] friends left - he went to the depot to see them off - Clara went with Mr and Mrs Bulter on the Halifax and Tomoka on the [extensions?] - they went on the Steamer cherokee = they left at eight and returned at five - had a very delightful day - Saw the Eagles [-ists?] and 35 Alligators. [Header reads: "March. 1909. Bennette House Daytona Florida-"]

31" March. Wed. Quite a cool gloomy day. Mr and Mrs Bulter left for their home in Boston this afternoon. Mr Mc and I took walk to Beach St on the Halifax River. The wind was blowing a gale = but on our street here it Seemed like

another climate I was glad to get back and will remain until the Sunshines. I met Mrs J.H Peirson of Toronto Cand - and had an in-teresting time with - her She and husband [--y] in the morning. The Crowd thinning out these days == Clara enjoying her self on the Varanda -

1st April. 1909

I can not realize that this is Thursday the 1st day of April - It is chilly and gloomy - more So than we have had it hither to. We had another Florida Shower to day. Reading and writing and cards the order of the Evening.

2nd April Friday. Cloudy most of the day but much warmer - Everything going on pleasantly at this hotel - pleasant people around. This afternoon Clara and Mr Mc went with a company over to the coast - I did not feel Safe to go = but when they returned they all seemed delighted on their trip.

3rd April. Sat. A beautiful sunshiney day. Mr Mc up town. Clara in the [Sevim?] at her Embrodery. This afternoon she and some of the folks took a walk later Mr Mc and I went to Beach St -- I made a few purchases. Nice and calm there this afternoon = All the buisness houses of every kind on that [Editor's note: "that" is double-underlined] street.

4th April. Sabbath. A most delightful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the M.C. church - Text "Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." He pictured Christ triumphant entry into Jerusalem = then later on Johns visions of him in heaven. I hope this has been a profitable day to Some of us ==

5th April. Monday Another ideal day. Clara and the [Editor's note: "the" is double-underlined] Johnstons [Header reads "April. 1909. Bennette House. Daytona Flora-"] [Editor's note: on this page (108) is an advertisement for "Spear Mansion" where Martha later stayed] out walking this A.M - Mr Mc and I took a long walk this afternoon, Every thing certainly pleasant here. I felt so tired when up on Beach Street we came back in a carriage -

6th April Tuesday. Quite a nice day. Everything lovely here - I rec d [sic received] three books from Fred =
1st - "A Sailor's Log." By Robley D. Evans.
2nd On Christmas Day In the Morning. By Grace Richmond
3rd. The Signs in the Christmas Fire By Wm Allen Knight.
Yon have plenty of opportunity to read here.
This P.M - Mr Mc and I through the Stores on Beach st. Clara among the Boarders. Mr Mc got a cain when up town.

7" April Wed. Another beautiful day - Clara over at the Beach with Mr Tainer [&?] Mr Houston - returned at noon This Evening Mr Mc and I under the lamp - I am finishing reading Freds book to Clara "The Weavers" Written by "Gibert Parkers." Clara and Mr Johnston and Miss Cassey over at the Beach to see the moon rise - on the ocean -

8" April. Thursday. Another beautiful day - Mr Mc [Editor's note: the 'c' is double underlined] and I up on Beach street I made a few purchases - We came home and rested until noon - On yesterday Mr & Mrs Houston of Albany N.Y. left us -- So also did Mrs Webster for her home near Boston - Clara and Miss Johnston and her sister at their work -- This Evening Mc Mc and I called to see the Hustifath Dr. J.C. Herman. He is blind and as been for forty years - but he has the Sense of tonek beyond the ordinary -- and I believe he is a power in His work. "The lame take the prey." We called at the Shoe repairers =

Friday 9"th April. We had it all arranged to go on an Automobile ride - but before we got started the rain began to fall and kept it up all day - and part of the time it certainly did rain. [Header reads: "April 1909 Daytona Florida."] We were sorry to have Mr Howard Johnstone and his sisters Miss Mattie and Miss Lo Lo leave us - They were pleasant folks -- and good people - I red d [*sic* received] another book from Fred. "The Joyous Miracle" - He has certainly kept me Supplied. This Book was written by Frank Norris.

10" April. Sat. Bright sunshine - but quite cool. Mr Mc around Seeing his barber on Beech St. Clara and Rainer out for a walk - I went alone over to Beach Street - I called to see our Blind Osteopath Dr J.C. Hermin As I came near his home I met Miss Cubbison from Phild a [*sic* Philadelphia. Editor's note: the 'a' is double underlined] one of his patients who was wonderfully cured by his treatment of Rhumatism - We all reached home at noon = This afternoon Mr Mc and Clara took an Automobole ride along with others from a hotel on this Street - They went to New [suyrna?] - thirteen miles from here - they came home chilled but delighted I was Sorry I had to drop out on account of the cold wind - This afternoon I called to see Miss Cubbison - and had a nice time. This evening while others were playing cards I was delighted with my book.

11" April Sabbath. Very little sunshine - quite cool. Mr Mc and Clara and Mr Rainer and I attended the Congregational church. The Easter Sermon "He is not here but is risen". How many have this Same subject all over the churches through out this great land [Editor's note: 'great' is

underlined twice] to day The flowers certainly beautiful gathered from the Streets and gardens of this town. It would be impossible to have such a collection back at home. There was too much cold and ice for that. I can hardly realize that this is our 3rd Sabbath at Daytona. Tomorrow we are are planning to [Header reads: "April 1909 Bennett House Daytona Florida."] go - that will more than likely be farwell for ever. But we will not Soon forget the pleasant lovely folks we met both here and at Winter Park. I have learned that this makes up much of our lives - "meeting and parting" - but in "the Evening all will Come Home".

12" April. Monday. Rain last night = damp and cloudy to day - We gave up our starting from here to day. I felt I would have to wait until it is more settled. Mr Mc around -- We thought of taking a carriage ride but concluded to wait until the morning = Mr Mc out awhile this afternoon = This Evening I took a walk to Beech St = quite a long walk = went alone and returned in time for supper. I felt this was my last trip - but the Halifax river was quite an attraction for me.

13" April. Tuesday. Quite a bright morning. Mr Rainer went with Mr Mc and Clara and me on our drive to Part Oranage - five miles south of here - we crossed the Halifax river to Silver Beach along the Ocean Shore - we had an interesting ride - Mr Rainer was acquainted with the [-?]onte and did the driveing. We left here at nine and returned at noon. I am glad we went this A.M - for we have had a little Shower this afternoon - Some new boarders came in this P.M -

14" April Wed. Rain last night and Showers off and on all day. And dark and cloudy. Every one enjoying them Selves as best they can == yet every thing bright and inviting. Several took a walk between Showers.

15" April Thursday. [-?] bright day after the rain - Mr Mc [Editor's note: the 'c' in Mc is double underlined] and I took a little walk this A.M -. Everything lovely here - Every one enjoying themSelves as best they can. Mr Mc around and Clara around with the folks.

16" April. Friday. A very lovely day. Our dear friend Mr Rainer and Mr Mc and Clara and I went across on the fair over the over the Halifax to the Ocean Beach [Editor's note: header reads "Daytona Flora. Bennett House April 1909."] you can See all kind of folks there - when we came to come home for my benefit Mr Mc [Editor's note: the 'c' in Mc is double underlined] and I came over here in Carniage = I was pretty well tired out = get in at [eleven?] and I took a little [Editor's note: 'little' is double underlined] Sleep before

dinner This afternoon Clara and Miss Olive Caskey went up town - later on Mr Mc and I there -- We have had a pleasant evening in the parlor.

17" April Sat. A most beautiful day - Mr Rich from Buffalo and Mr Bennett of this place chatted with us a while in the lawn. Clara and Mr Rainer took a drive returned at noon. This afternoon the bid us all good by & left for St Augustine. Mr Mc and I had a walk this AM - he and Clara out this afternoon - Although I do not have anything to do I have been busy. This evening after Sunset a Shower =

18 April. Sabbath. A beautiful day. Mr Mc and Clara and I at the Congregational church. The pastor preached - text - From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus-" Every one in that house strangers to us - not one we know yet we felt we were at home among our friends. The minister kind to give every one the right hand [Editor's note: 'hand' is double underlined] of fellowShip == Not many from this hotel attracted to the church, to day. I am sorry for the Lord to be so left out of their joys and plans.

19" April Another nice day. Some of the boarders - although few in number left here were off on a drive - We have been packing getting ready to go tomorrow - This is the loveliest kind of a day. We got a letter from Clayton - Everything seems to moveing right along there now. Their new girl Leelie Thompson from Deskonimus - and Paul and Carl - and Ben [illegible] on the Staff - and [---?] from the tenant house -- both Clayton and Edith seem very cheerful and happy -- and it [illegible] one the same blessed way. [Header reads: "April 1909. Bennett House Daytona Fla."]

20" April - Tuesday. We have been here four weeks yesterday. This morning I asked myself why did we come to Florida. The answer - for greater things than we knew - Eternity alone will tell -- we will leave it there - for then we will have time and be able to unravel things that are partly hidden to day =

We will leave here this afternoon at three fifteen - Our stay here has been very pleasant.

21" April Wednesday
We arrived here at 6 Oclock last Evening, at St. Augustine, and Stopped at the Spear Mansion -- and will hold forth here for a few days.
This is a bright morning. I was made glad by receiving a letter from Aunt Mary this morning. We are pleasantly located - We met Mr Rainer last evening at his hotel. This afternoon he was our guide through this quaint old city of St Augustine. We visited the old Slave Market and could not forget the dark inhuman deeds

enacted there. We visited the old Spanish fortress that is over four hundred years old. We also went through the Catholic Cathedral - two hundred years old - We lastly went to view what was remaining of the old city gates - These were built in 1743. When we reached home we were tired and ready for supper. This evening Mr Rainer and guest from Baltimore entertained us on the Varanda = This is a lovely evening. We are wonderfully nicely fixed here - We have a little 4 room Cottage all our own - and when we get tired of the "Spear [Editor's note: 'Spear' is underlined twice] Mansion" - it is so home like and restful to come here - and feel that we are here at home - Altho so far away I am made happier by knowing the churchs Prayer meeting was to meet at Claytons and Edith's home this afternoon - it is blessed and the joy will be eternal when we build upon the rock.
- 22 April Thursday

This afternoon Mr Rainer

Came with two grays and a three seated conveyance & driver and called at the Spear Mansion for Mr Mc and Clara and me and took us out on and all afternoon [Editor's note: in the margins Martha writers "on an extended" presumably to edit 'and all afternoon.' On the next page her header reads: "April 1909. "Spear Mansion" St Augustine Florida-"] drive - We first drove to Lewis Point five miles from here - When we came back we were driven all over the city - We stopped at the Military Semetary were one hundred and 60 were burried who were massacred by the Seminole Indians in 1835. Then we were taken to the oldest house in the city -- and a view of the narrow street which is only 7 ft wide -- Enough of it preserved to Show us a Sample of the olden times. We did not get back until near supper time. This evening spent on the Varanda with Mr Rainer and our Baltimore guest.

23" April. Friday - Warmer

to day. Mr Mc and I took a little walk around the city. We re d [sic received] letters from home. On last Saturday Mr W[--]liff passed away. We also learned that our old friend for Scott is dead == Mr Mc and I have been here on the piazza at our cottage. Clara around - Everything very pleasant. Mr Rainer called.

24" April. Saturday. Much cooler

Mr Rainer here and took Mr Mc and me and Clara for a walk around the city - [Header reads: "St Augustine Florida"] We took advantage of this cool morning - but this afternoon it is cloudy and continus cool. We are planning to leave here for Atlanta next Tuesday Evening - unless our plans are changed. This afternoon I was around the Square - we met Mr Rainer again and took him for a walk.

25: April. Sabbath. Mr

Mc and Clara & I around at the Memorial Presbyterian church erected in 1889 by the great millionair H. M. Fla[-?]er. We had a good Sermon by the retiring Pastor Rev Stont who has been with them for Seven years - this text = or "subject the Peace of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ - which he bestows upon his children.' While in the church we had a Shower We got home in the dry but were not long here until the rain began falling again. It has been wet all evening.

26" April -Monday. Another nice day - We made some nice friends here - but some of them go away this evening. This afternoon Clara and Mrs Bush and I went through the Catholic Acadamy - they have girls only - and quite a number They are, I mean the Catholics are a power for good or for evil - the Lord knows which. [Header reads: "April 1909 St Augustine Florida."] This Evening Mr Mc and I out for a walk - I called to see the Osteopath Dr by the way Miss Ella X [illegible] She is a graduate of Kirksville.

27" April - Tuesday. Clara and I packing our trunks this morning - this evening we go to Jacksonville and take the night train for Atlanta = we have been here a week and a delightful one it has been - but when we think of going to Atlanta it seems like home - and will be a glorious change to father and all -

28 April. Wednesday Atlanta Penza. We awakened on the sleeper as we neared Atlanta - but were ready to meet Homer when our train --- pulled into this city He took us at once to their home 168 Asby Street and was met by Mary and Richard and Ruth - Mary had a nice fire on the hearth and a nice breakfast awaiting us. They have a young lady boarding with them Miss Alice Morris - After breakfast Homer went to the office.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Rainer, Clara were at the Beach = [Header reads: "At- Atlanta Ga." Also, on this page Martha includes a clipping from a newspaper or magazine discussing the best way to clean tinware] We had supper at the hotel before comeing away. Mr Rainer came with us to Jacksonville he will spend a few days there before going to his daughters in New York city - This wife is there now - their home is in Champai[--]lll - they are lovely folks - have certainly healed us lovely. Before we reached Jacksonvill the rain began pouring = Mr Rainer helped us to our car.

This is a lovely day here could not be nicer - Richard and ruth have both grown a good deal since we Saw them -- Homer took father with him when they went to the office this afternoon. Mary and Ruth and Clara up in the city all afternoon -- Richard in the yard with his little play notes - I have my books - "Never alone" "No never alone".

29" April - Thursday

Another nice day. Homer went to the office this A.M - and came back to a one Oclock dinner == he was there again this afternoon - And Mary and Clara and Ruth were up in the city all after-noon [Header reads "April 1909. Atlanta Ga."] Dr Walden came to the city this evening - he was crowded out here - Homer went up to the hotel and spent awhile with him.

30" April. Friday - Dr

Walden here for breakfast and spent an hour with us - He had worship with us - his Bible lesson the 16" Psalm = I have been young: but now I am old: yet I am here to testify to the blessed influence [throwen?] around the children where parents and children kneel together to "Show forth the loveing Kindness of God every morning and this fatihfulness every night" May all of my children ever take for the rule of their lives The resolution of Joshua Whom they would Serve - But Joshua said "Let others do as they will but as for me and my house We Shall Serve the Lord".

Mary and Ruth and Clara up in the city this P.M - Ruth to see the Dr - At four Oclock Homer left for Greensbon ala [Editor's note: Martha crossed out "Greenville N.C"] - and will not be back until Tuesday Evening. We certainly miss him here. [Header reads "Atlanta Ga."] Miss Morris here as usual this evening - It has been dark and threatening all evening finally the rain began to fall. [Gill?] came to day.